

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, Aug 29 th 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor: Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Absent none.

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and adopted.

Councilman Hart presented the following resolution :

The City Marshal and Supt of Police and Public Safety recommend to the Council the remission of the following pound fees, to-wit :

- 1. cow of Horace May, impounded Aug 23, fee \$ 1.50
- 1 cow of Wm Prouse, impounded Aug 18th, fee \$ 1.50, for the following reasons:

- (1) The cow of Hay's escaped from his premises about 3 miles East of the city and he was after her at the time she was caught by the Officers,
- (2) The cow of Wm Prouse was either turned out by some malicious person or broke out of his enclosure and was found on the street by the officers.

These being the first violations of the law by the above parties and the stock being in the pound limits by accident, it is the opinion of the Council that said fees should be remitted, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said pound fees be and the same are hereby remitted, and the money still being in the hands of the Clerk of the Corporation Court, said officer is authorized and directed to refund same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

It appearing to the City Council that three cows belonging to Mrs Levi Bankston were found within the pound limits and impounded on Aug 22nd, as appears from the attached statement the cows were in the limits by accident and the territory where found having been recently added to the pound limits, and owing to the misfortune of the Lady, the Supt of Police and Public Safety recommends that the pound fees amounting to \$ 4.50 be remitted; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said pound fees amounting to \$ 4.50 be and the same are hereby remitted, and the money having been paid in to the City Collector, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant for said \$ 4.50 in favor of said Mrs Levi Bankston.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Whereas, the City of Austin, Texas, has come into the possession of more than six hundred thousand (\$ 600,000. ) dollars in money over and above the proceeds of the sale of one hundred and fifty thousand ( \$ 150,000. ) dollars of school building bonds, the proceeds of which school building bonds have been paid over to the American National Bank of this City, the Treasurer of the Austin School Board;

Now therefore ,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

*Pound fees remitted*

*Pound fees remitted*

That Chester Thrasher, Treasurer of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby requested to file an additional bond in the amount of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) dollars as custodian of the proceeds of the sale of six hundred thousand (\$600,000) dollars of municipal bonds. Two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars of these bonds are Street Improvement bonds, Two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars are sewer bonds, Fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars are Hospital Building bonds and Fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars are Cemetery bonds.

*City Treasurer to give additional Bond*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the Mayor of this City be and he is hereby authorized to approve the special bond to the City of Austin given on the 28th day of August 1912, by Chester Thrasher, Treasurer of the City of Austin, in the penalty of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) dollars, and subscribed by Wm R Hamby, F G Smith, S Goldstein, D T Tglehart, E A Lowry, D B Gracy, A F Martin and T W Gregory.

Be it resolved further:

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to copy this bond in full in the minutes of the City Council of this City:

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none.

#### BOND.

Whereas, the City of Austin has sold to the Commerce Trust Company of Kansas City, Missouri, all of its bonds issued by virtue of the authority of the election held on April 30th 1912, and has now on hand the several sums of money realized from the sale of its Sewer bonds, Street Improvement bonds, Hospital bonds and Cemetery bonds; and,

Whereas, an emergency exists by the receipt of said sums of money which requires the City Treasurer of the City of Austin to make an additional bond to the bond heretofore made by him, and the City Council of the City of Austin has required that such additional bond be made by him in the sum of three hundred thousand dollars; therefore,

Know all men by these presents : That We, Chester Thrasher, as principal, and Wm R Hamby, F G Smith, S Goldstein, E H Parry, D B Gracy, D T Tglehart, and A F Martin as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto A P Wooldridge as Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, and unto his successors in office, in the sum of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) dollars, good and lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas, the above bounden Chester Thrasher, as City Treasurer of the City of Austin, Texas, has received into his custody the proceeds from the sale of the certain bonds

*Special Bond by Treasurer approved*

by virtue of the authority above mentioned, to-wit. the Sewer bonds, Street Improvement bonds, Hospital bonds and Cemetery bonds; now, therefore, if the said Chester Thrasher, as such City Treasurer, shall securely keep, strictly account for and pay over, in accordance with law, all such sums of money, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise same shall remain in full force and effect.

It is expressly agreed and understood, however, that the above obligation shall be in addition to the bond heretofore entered into by said Chester Thrasher as such City Treasurer, and shall in no wise supercede or nullify the same.

Witness our hands, at Austin, Texas, this the 28th day of August A D 1912.

(Sgd) Chester Thrasher, Principal.

- Wm R Hamby,
- F G Smith,
- S Goldstein,
- D T Iglehart,
- E H Perry,
- D B Gracy,
- A F Martin,
- T W Gregory.

Sureties.

The State of Texas  
County of Travis.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for Travis County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Chester Thrasher, Wm R Hamby, F G Smith, S Goldstein, E H Perry, D B Gracy, D T Iglehart, and A F Martin, each known to me to be the person whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and each acknowledged to me that he signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 28th day of August A D 1912.

Seal

J A Belger,

Notary Public, Travis County, Texas.

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The Mayor presented to the Council the following communication:

Austin, Texas, Aug 29th 1912.

To the Hon City Council, City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :

The Permanent Street Improvement fund account of this City is overdrawn at this writing by the amount of \$ 3,620.41 There are also other immediate and large needs for money for the work of permanent street improvements.

From the proceeds of the sale of the Street Improvement bonds there is now more than \$ 250,000. available for permanent street improvements.

I therefore respectfully beg leave to amend my budget for the Street department for the current year and herewith offer an appropriation out of the Permanent Street Improvement bond fund of \$ 12,500. for the account of Permanent Street Improvements. This appropriation will be followed by others out of the Permanent Street Improvement bond fund as the needs of the Street Dept call for the same.

Respectfully A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Street Budget  
Amended

*Transfer funds*

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That twelve thousand five hundred (\$ 12, 500.) dollars out of the permanent Street Improvement bond fund ,be and the same are hereby appropriated to the Permanent Street Improvement fund of the City of Austin for the current year.

The resolution was ~~adopted by the following vote :~~ <sup>read and laid over for one week</sup>

~~Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 5~~

~~Nays none~~

The Mayor offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That University Avenue from 19th to 21st streets be sidewalked, paved and Parked as follows:

- (1) The sidewalks on both sides of the street shall be twenty five (25) feet in width from the property to the curb lines.
- (2) The paved driveways shall be 22 feet & 6 inches wide on each side of the middle parkway.
- (3) The parkway shall be in circles or ovals to be designed by the City Engineer, of the width or diameter of thirty five ( 35) feet respectively.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

Nays councilman Haynes 1

The Council then recessed subject to call .

August 30th 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present:

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Austin :

That the center lines of 1st, 2nd & 3rd streets West of Congress Avenue be and the same are hereby established as follows :

The center line of 1st street to be 1.5. South of the correct distance from 6th street and at right angles to the center line of Congress Avenue,

The center line of 2nd street to be 1.2 feet south of the correct distance from 6th street and at right angles to the center line of Congress Avenue.

The center line of 3rd street to be 0.9 feet south of the correct distance from 6th street and at right angles to the center line of Congress Avenue.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge , Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Pdil 5

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That two hundred and fifty (\$ 250.00) dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the general contingent fund of the City of Austin for the current year to miscellaneous fund of the Fire Dept for the purpose of paying the allowed claim for damages against this City in favor of D B Spillar .

*University Ave  
General sidewalked  
& Paved.*

*Street lines  
W 1st, 2nd & 3rd*

*Transfer funds*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby authorized and anstrusted to institute the necessary, proper and legal proceedings for the permanent street paving of East 5th street from the West side of East Avenue to Perdinales street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the invitation of the Labor day Committee ,to the Mayor and the members of the Council to participate in the Labor day Celebration ,be accepted with thanks, and that we request the privilege of joining with the members of the Labor day Unions on foot in the parade.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none.

Councilmen Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements be authorized to purchase approximately 268 feet of corrugated iron flume ,to cost \$ 1.25 cents per foot ,for Austin, for the purpose of putting in storm sewer at the foot of Brazos street on Colorado river.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart ,Haynes & Powell 4  
Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

The Council then recessed subject to call.

August 31st 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present, except Councilman Bartholomew .

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That thirty eight (\$ 38.00) dollars ,be and the same are hereby transferred from the miscellaneous Park fund for all Parks to East Avenue Miscellaneous Park Fund.

This transfer is intended as a transfer of a like amount from the miscellaneous general park fund to East Avenue park fund for the purchase of seats for the East Avenue Park. the Citizens of East Austin having already contributed thirty eight (\$ 38.00) dollars to this same cause.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart, Haynes & Powell 4  
Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

*Paving East  
Ordered*

*Supt Streets  
Authorized to  
purchase  
iron flume.*

*Transfer funds*

*H. W. Heierman  
leave absence*

The leave of absence, without pay, be and is hereby granted to H W Heierman for the month of September 1912.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart, Haynes & Powell 4  
Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

On motion of Councilman Hart, leave of absence from Aug 5th to 25th 1912, was granted to Leo Mueller, Chf Fire Dept. *Leo Mueller*

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart, Hayne & Powell 4  
Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin :

That permit be and is hereby granted to Thro P Meyer to install and maintain under the sidewalk in front of yht building located at 608 Colorado street, a gasoline tank, for the use of the garage to be conducted at 608 Colorado street, and in addition to said gasoline tank, the said Theo P Meyer is authorized to erect and maintain at the curb in front of said premises a pump used for filling tanks of automobiles. said pump is not to exceed 4 feet in height.

That the work under this permit must be done under the supervision of the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements and subject to his approval.

Be it further resolved:

That this permit is to be deemed absolutely revocable at any time at the pleasure and in the judgement of the City Council.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell.

Councilmen Bartholomew stated that he voted "AYe", but simply by reason of the fact that a like privilege had been granted to other persons installing gasoline tanks. As a principal he opposes the installation of gasoline tanks on the sidewalks anywhere in the City of Austin. The Council recessed subject to call.

Sept 4th 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, with Councilmen Haynes & Powell present.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin :

That the recommendation of J T Laughlin, Chief of Police, to suspend Los Evans, Dog Catcher, for fifteen (15) days from this date without pay, be and the same is hereby approved.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Haynes & Powell 3  
Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 2

*J. P. Hart  
Leo Mueller  
leave absence*

*Theo P Meyer  
Cavaline Road*

*Los Evans  
Suspended 15 days*

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of the City Council by the report of Henry Hartman, State Chemist, that the water contained in the certain wells herein after named is in a condition detrimental to the health of the people of the City of Austin, and that to continue to drink from said wells would produce disease ; and,

Whereas, said conditions create a nuisance which ought to be abated; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

Section 1. That the Sanitary Inspector be and is hereby directed to notify the owners of said wells to immediately seal and close said wells in such a substantial manner as to prevent the drinking of water therefrom, and to forthwith report to the City Council his action and whether or not said owners have complied with his notice.

Section 2. That the certain wells hereinabove referred to are as follows, to-wit:

- (1) S F Forbis' well, on Lot 7 Block "F", Bouldin Addition, between Annie and Live Oak Streets.
- (2) George Boyds' well, on Gibson street near south 1st street.
- (4) Robert Stanley's well, on the Northeast corner of Mary and Newton streets.
- (4) Mr Sauder's well, on property belonging to Cal Roy, situated on the East side of south 1st street opposite James street.
- (5) Mr Browning's well, on property belonging to Mrs W C Belcher, situated on the Northwest corner of Newton and Mary streets.
- (6) Mr Foster's well, on Lot 9 Block "F", Bouldin addition, between Annie and Live Oak streets.
- (7) Mr McClendon's well, on lot 8 Block "D", Bouldins addition, between Mary and Annie streets.
- (8) Mr Masch's well, between Monroe and Mary streets.
- (9) Mrs Turner's well, between Gibson and Monroe streets.
- (10) Mrs Steifer's well, between Gibson and Monroe streets.
- (11) Mr L W Robb's well, on lot 9 Block 3, between James and Gibson streets, South Austin.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Haynes & Powell 3

Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 2.

The council then adjourned.

*J. O. Johnson*  
City Clerk

*Sanitary Inspector  
to notify owners  
to close & seal  
Wells South  
Austin*